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## ELECTRIC-MOTOR DRIVE DEVICE

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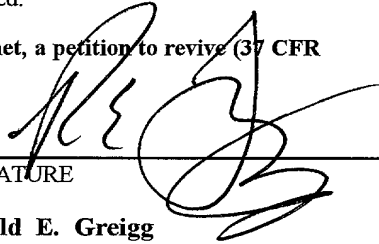
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Detlef Lauk et al

Based on PCT/DE 99/02239

For: Electric-Motor Drive Device

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert --Background of the Invention--;

line 2, delete "Prior Art" and insert --Field of the Invention--;

line 3, delete "is based on an" and insert --relates to--;

same line, delete "device" and insert --devices and more particularly to improve electric motor drives--;

lines 5 and 6, delete "as generically defined by the preamble to claim 1";

between lines 6 and 7, insert --Description of the Prior Art--;

line 7, delete "(" and insert --disclosed in--;

line 8, delete ");

line 13, delete "an also" and insert --another--;

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line 14, delete ").

Page 2, line 1, delete "Advantages" and insert --Summary--;

lines 2 and 3, delete "having the characteristics of claim 1";

delete lines 20-22;

line 24, delete "in".

Page 4, line 1, before "Drawing" insert --Brief Description of the--;

delete lines 2 and 3, and insert --The above features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the detailed description contained herein below, taken in conjunction with the drawing, in which;--.

Page 6, after line 12 insert the following paragraph:

--The foregoing relates to preferred exemplary embodiments of the invention, it being understood that other variants and embodiments are thereof possible within the spirit and scope of the invention, the latter being defined by the appended claims.--.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Page 7, line 1, delete "Claims" and insert --We Claim--.

Cancel claims 1-7 and add new claims 8-20.

8. An electric-motor drive device for auxiliary devices in motor vehicles, such as sliding roofs, window controls, windshield wipers, and the like, having a gear housing

(17) and a cup-shaped motor housing (13) that is slipped with its opening edge (131) onto the gear housing (17) and fixed thereon, the improvement wherein the motor housing (13), in its slip-on region that fits over the gear housing (17), is roller-burnished into the gear housing (17).

9. The drive device of claim 8, wherein the roller-burnishing is done at two points axially spaced apart from one another.

10. The drive device of claim 8, wherein the gear housing (17), in the slip-on region of the motor housing (13), has an annular groove (20) into which an encompassing annular bead (22), stamped out of the motor housing (13) by roller-burnishing, protrudes with positive engagement.

11. The drive device of claim 8, wherein on the gear housing (17) in the motor housing slip-on region, an encompassing radial shoulder (21) remote from the motor housing (13) is embodied, which is engaged from behind by an annular collar (23) bent inward from the motor housing (13) by roller-burnishing.

12. The drive device of claim 8, wherein the motor housing (13) encloses a stator (14), which comprises a short-circuit ring (15) and permanent segments (16) secured to it, and that an encompassing, angular chamfer (18) is made by turning into the face end of the gear housing (17) oriented toward the motor housing (13), onto

which chamfer the short-circuit ring (15) is slipped with positive engagement until its annular end face meets the radial leg face (181) of the chamfer (18).

13. The drive device of claim 11, wherein the gear housing (17), in its motor housing slip-on region, has an annular rib (24) protruding radially from the outer circumference, whose annular rib face forms the radial shoulder (21) and whose other annular rib face forms a radial extension of the radial leg face (181) of the chamfer (18).

14. The drive device of claim 13, wherein the motor housing (13), on its opening edge (131) oriented toward the gear housing (17), is radially widened and is braced on both annular rib faces of the annular rib (24).

15. The drive device of claim 9, wherein the gear housing (17), in the slip-on region of the motor housing (13), has an annular groove (20) into which an encompassing annular bead (22), stamped out of the motor housing (13) by roller-burnishing, protrudes with positive engagement.

16. The drive device of claim 9, wherein on the gear housing (17) in the motor housing slip-on region, an encompassing radial shoulder (21) remote from the motor housing (13) is embodied, which is engaged from behind by an annular collar (23) bent inward from the motor housing (13) by roller-burnishing.

17. The drive device of claim 10, wherein on the gear housing (17) in the motor housing slip-on region, an encompassing radial shoulder (21) remote from the motor housing (13) is embodied, which is engaged from behind by an annular collar (23) bent inward from the motor housing (13) by roller-burnishing.

18. The drive device of claim 9, wherein the motor housing (13) encloses a stator (14), which comprises a short-circuit ring (15) and permanent segments (16) secured to it, and that an encompassing, angular chamfer (18) is made by turning into the face end of the gear housing (17) oriented toward the motor housing (13), onto which chamfer the short-circuit ring (15) is slipped with positive engagement until its annular end face meets the radial leg face (181) of the chamfer (18).

19. The drive device of claim 10, wherein the motor housing (13) encloses a stator (14), which comprises a short-circuit ring (15) and permanent segments (16) secured to it, and that an encompassing, angular chamfer (18) is made by turning into the face end of the gear housing (17) oriented toward the motor housing (13), onto which chamfer the short-circuit ring (15) is slipped with positive engagement until its annular end face meets the radial leg face (181) of the chamfer (18).

20. The drive device of claim 11, wherein the motor housing (13) encloses a stator (14), which comprises a short-circuit ring (15) and permanent segments (16) secured to it, and that an encompassing, angular chamfer (18) is made by turning into the face end of the gear housing (17) oriented toward the motor housing (13), onto

which chamfer the short-circuit ring (15) is slipped with positive engagement until its annular end face meets the radial leg face (181) of the chamfer (18).

IN THE ABSTRACT

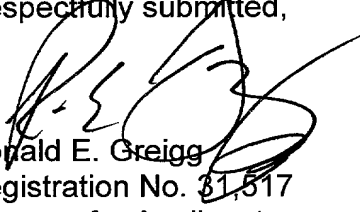
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REMARKS

The above amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited.

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## Abstract

In an electric-motor drive device for auxiliary devices in motor vehicles, such as sliding roofs, window controls, windshield wipers, and the like, having a gear housing and a cup-shaped motor housing that is slipped with its opening edge onto the gear housing and fixed thereon, to reduce manufacturing costs and the requisite installation space and improve force introduction from the motor housing to the gear housing, the motor housing, in its slip-on region, is roller-burnished into the gear housing.

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ELECTRIC-MOTOR DRIVE DEVICE

Prior Art

The invention is based on an electric-motor drive device for auxiliary devices in motor vehicles, such as sliding roofs, window controls, windshield wipers, and the like, as generically defined by the preamble to claim 1.

In a known drive device of this type (German Utility Model DE 92 06 269 U1), the cup-shaped or cap-shaped motor housing is slipped onto a cylindrical post of the gear housing; the edge of its cap is covered by an annular flange embodied on the post. Between the edge of the cap and the annular flange, there is a sealing ring.

In an also known drive device (German Patent Disclosure DE 25 56 240 A1), the fixation of the gear housing and motor housing to one another is done by providing each housing with a radial shoulder, which after the two housings have been joined together is located spaced apart from and in front of the shoulder of the other housing, and a fastening element that has clamping faces cooperating in wedgelike fashion with the shoulders clamps the two housings together.

## Advantages of the Invention

5 The drive device of the invention having the characteristics of claim 1 has the advantage over the prior art that production is simplified and thus made less expensive by eliminating the shoulders, which have to be formed separately on the housings, and the loose fastening element. Also eliminated are elements protruding past the outside diameter of the housings, so that the requisite installation space for the drive device is reduced. The roller-burnishing according to the invention assures an improved introduction of force from the motor housing to the gear housing and a rigid connection between the housings, with a favorable effect on noise produced by the drive device. At the same time, by the large-area, intimate bond between the housings that is attained, an improved heat transfer from the motor housing to the gear housing and thus improved heat dissipation from the motor are attained. Furthermore, the roller-burnished connection brings about good sealing at the transition between the two housings.

20 By means of the provisions recited in the other claims, advantageous refinements of and improvements to the drive device defined by claim 1 are possible.

25 In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the roller-burnishing in is performed at two points, longitudinally spaced apart from one another, in the slip-on region of the

motor housing onto the gear housing. This creates a very reliable connection, in which for long periods, even under extreme operating conditions, no play can occur between the two housings.

5 In an advantageous embodiment of the invention, the gear housing, in the slip-on region of the motor housing, has an annular groove into which an encompassing annular bead, stamped out of the motor housing by roller-burnishing, protrudes with positive engagement. The provision of the  
10 annular groove makes it easier to press the motor housing material into the gear housing, and only much-reduced roller-burnishing forces are required. A good positive engagement connection is created between the annular groove and the annular bead.

15 Greater strength of this connection is attained whenever, in accordance with an advantageous embodiment of the invention, on the gear housing in the motor housing slip- on region, an encompassing radial shoulder remote from the motor housing is additionally embodied, and the radial shoulder is  
20 engaged from behind by an annular collar bent inward from the motor housing by roller-burnishing. The motor housing is then fixed on the gear housing at two spaced-apart points.

## Drawing

The invention is described in further detail below in terms of exemplary embodiments shown in the drawing.

Figs. 1 and 2, each in fragmentary form, show an electric-motor drive device for auxiliary devices in motor vehicles, in accordance with a first and second exemplary embodiment, respectively.

## Description of the Exemplary Embodiments

The electric-motor drive device, shown in fragmentary form in each of Figs. 1 and 2, for instance for adjusting sliding roofs, window controls, vehicle seats, and the like in motor vehicles, has an electric motor 11 and for stepping down the motor rpm a gear 12, preferably a worm gear. All that can be seen of the electric motor 11 in Figs. 1 and 2 is the motor housing 13 and the stator 14 that is enclosed by the motor housing 13; in a known manner, the stator comprises a short-circuit ring 15 and permanent magnet segments 16 secured to it. All that can be seen of the gear 12 is the gear housing 17 in fragmentary form. The cap-shaped or cup-shaped motor housing 13, also known as a pole pot, is slipped with its opening edge 131 onto the gear housing 17 and roller-burnished into the gear housing 17 in the slip-on region at two longitudinally spaced apart points. An encompassing, angular chamfer 18 is made by turning into the face end 171 of the

gear housing 17 toward the motor housing 13, and the short-circuit ring 15 is slipped by positive engagement onto the chamfer until its annular end face meets the radial leg face 181 of the chamfer 18. A cap-shaped indentation 19 is  
5 coaxially recessed out of the bottom 132 of the cup-shaped motor housing 13 and serves to receive a bearing for the rotor shaft of the electric motor 11.

In the exemplary embodiment of Fig. 1, in the slip-on region of the motor housing 13, an annular groove 20 on the one hand and an encompassing radial shoulder 21 on the other, which points away from the motor housing 13, are formed in the gear housing 17. By placing a roller-burnishing tool against the motor housing 13 in the region of the annular groove 20, an encompassing annular bead 22 is stamped out of the motor housing 13; it protrudes with positive engagement into the annular groove 20. By placing the roller-burnishing tool against the end portion of the opening edge 131 of the motor housing 13 behind the radial shoulder 21, an inward-bent annular collar 23 is created, which engages the radial  
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20 shoulder 21 from behind. By means of these two roller-burnishing operations, the motor housing 13 is joined solidly and permanently to the gear housing 17.

In the exemplary embodiment of Fig. 2, the annular groove for roller-burnishing in of an annular bead is dispensed with, and instead, an annular rib 24 protruding radially from the  
25 outer circumference of the gear housing is machined out of the

slip-on region of the motor housing 13 on the gear housing 17,  
and one annular rib face forms the radial shoulder 21 and the  
other annular rib face forms an extension of the radial leg  
face 181 of the chamfer 18. On its opening edge 131 toward  
5 the gear housing 17, the motor housing 13 is radially widened,  
and once the annular collar 23 that engages the radial  
shoulder 21 from behind has been made, the motor housing is  
braced on both annular rib faces of the annular rib 24.

In both Figs. 1 and 2, the lower half of the drawing  
10 shows the state before the roller-burnishing and the upper  
half of the drawing shows the state after the roller-  
burnishing.

## Claims

1. An electric-motor drive device for auxiliary devices in motor vehicles, such as sliding roofs, window controls, windshield wipers, and the like, having a gear housing (17) and a cup-shaped motor housing (13) that is slipped with its opening edge (131) onto the gear housing (17) and fixed thereon, characterized in that the motor housing (13), in its slip-on region that fits over the gear housing (17), is roller-burnished into the gear housing (17).
2. The drive device of claim 1, characterized in that the roller-burnishing in is done at two points axially spaced apart from one another.
3. The drive device of claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the gear housing (17), in the slip-on region of the motor housing (13), has an annular groove (20) into which an encompassing annular bead (22), stamped out of the motor housing (13) by roller-burnishing, protrudes with positive engagement.
4. The drive device of one of claims 1-3, characterized in that on the gear housing (17) in the motor housing slip-on region, an encompassing radial shoulder (21) remote from the motor housing (13) is embodied, which is engaged from behind by an annular collar (23) bent inward from the motor housing (13) by roller-burnishing.



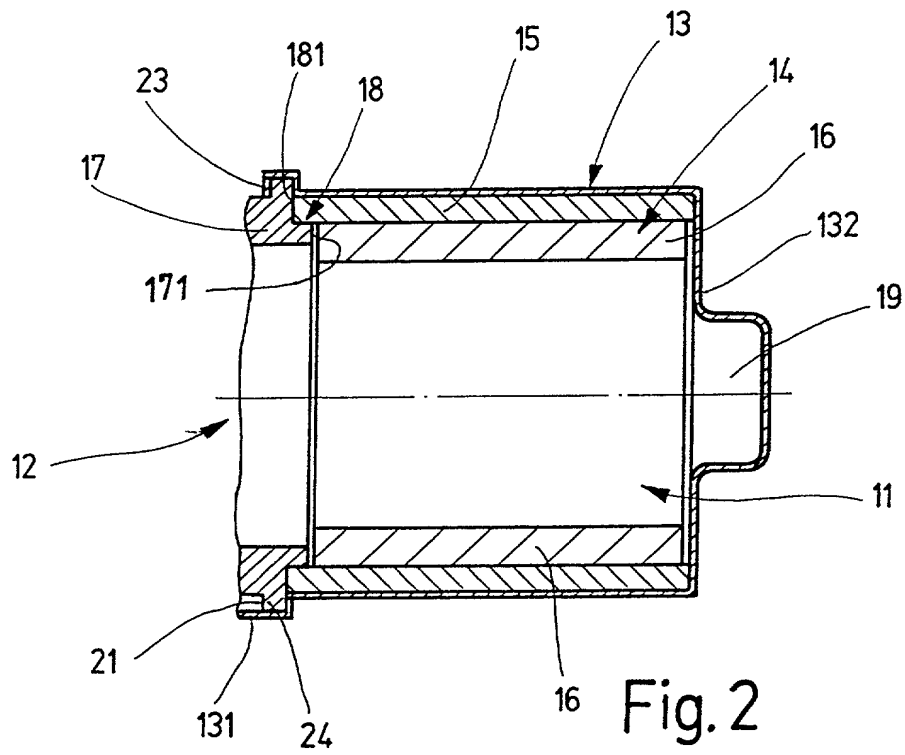
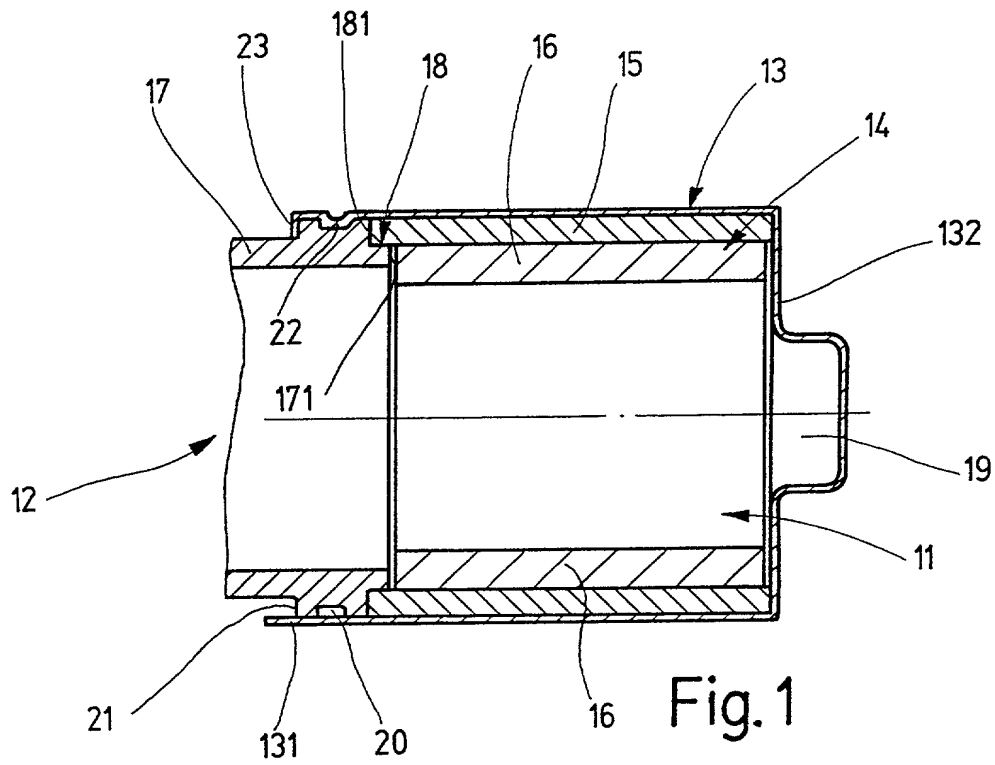
5. The drive device of one of claims 1-4, characterized in that the motor housing (13) encloses a stator (14), which comprises a short-circuit ring (15) and permanent segments (16) secured to it, and that an encompassing, angular chamfer (18) is made by turning into the face end of the gear housing (17) oriented toward the motor housing (13), onto which chamfer the short-circuit ring (15) is slipped with positive engagement until its annular end face meets the radial leg face (181) of the chamfer (18).

6. The drive device of claim 4 or 5, characterized in that the gear housing (17), in its motor housing slip-on region, has an annular rib (24) protruding radially from the outer circumference, whose annular rib face forms the radial shoulder (21) and whose other annular rib face forms a radial extension of the radial leg face (181) of the chamfer (18).

7. The drive device of claim 6, characterized in that the motor housing (13), on its opening edge (131) oriented toward the gear housing (17), is radially widened and is braced on both annular rib faces of the annular rib (24).

## Abstract

In an electric-motor drive device for auxiliary devices in motor vehicles, such as sliding roofs, window controls, windshield wipers, and the like, having a gear housing (17) and a cup-shaped motor housing (13) that is slipped with its opening edge (131) onto the gear housing (17) and fixed thereon, to reduce manufacturing costs and the requisite installation space and improve force introduction from the motor housing (13) to the gear housing (17), the motor housing (13), in its slip-on region, is roller-burnished into the gear housing (17) (Fig. 1).



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ELECTRIC-MOTOR DRIVE DEVICE

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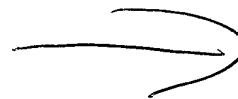
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